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Labor Council Adopts “Unions For All” Endorsement Principles

by Jan Carpenter
Labor Council
Vice President

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has adopted SEIU’s 2020 “Unions for All” election agenda as principles to be considered when making endorsements during the 2020 election cycle. The Labor Council adopted a resolution supporting the agenda at the Labor Council’s January membership meeting.

SEIU unveiled the agenda to its membership at a “Unions for All Summit” attended by 1000 of its members in Los Angeles. The summit was held in October. SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry called on the presidential candidates who spoke at the summit to support the agenda.

A copy of the Labor Council’s resolution is printed below. Primary election candidates seeking the Labor Council’s

endorsement and attending the Labor Council’s candidate interviews on March 7th should carefully review the four principles of the resolution.

As mentioned in the January issue of the UNION BUG (Page 1), candidates who wish to schedule a specific time for an interview should make a request to Jan Carpenter at carpenter-jm54@gmail.com. Requests should include the office desired and the party primary in which the candidate is entered. Please see the January issue for additional details.

The Labor Council’s “Unions For All” resolutions reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Pennsylvania labor movement unites workers from different places and different races to fight for issues that matter to our families; and

WHEREAS our labor council shares a

vision of an America where all working people can join together in unions and earn at least \$15.00 an hour; where quality healthcare is accessible and affordable for all and everyone has a secure retirement; where immigrant families are able to stay together; where all communities have access to quality public services; where we dismantle anti-black and structural racism and achieve equality for all people regardless of gender or sexual orientation; where every vote counts; where we all have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink; and where our economy and democracy work for all of us, not just millionaires and billionaires; and

WHEREAS working people united in the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council demand that 2020 candidates unabashedly champion eco-

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Beaver-Lawrence Counties Labor Council Affiliated Locals 2020

From the editors: The list of labor organizations affiliated with the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council that appeared in the January issue of the UNION BUG is incorrect. The list reprinted the names of the labor organizations appearing on the 2020 Labor Council calendars. A correct list of labor organizations affiliated with the Labor Council as of December 31, 2019, appears below. Thank you to NW Pa. ALF Director Rosann Barker for providing us with the corrected list.

BEAVER B&CTC	IAM 1976	SEIU HEALTHCARE PA
AFSCME 248	IBB 154	SEIU 668
AFSCME 1483	IBEW 29	SMART 12
AFSCME 1816	IBEW 126	TWU 2035
AFSCME 2105	IBEW 201	UA 27
AFSCME 2367	IBEW 459	UA 449
AFSCME 2602	IBEW 712	UA 669
AFSCME 2902	IBEW 1919	UBC 420
AFT 3975	IBT 205	UFCW 1776
APWU PITTSBURGH METRO	IUOE 66	USW 256L
LOCAL 081	IUPAT 530	USW 623
APWU 227	IRON WORKERS 3	USW 1196
CWA 13000	LIUNA 833	USW 1211
HFAIW 2	NALC 84	USW 8183
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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* The Labor Council Executive Board members elected at the December membership meeting were installed at the January membership meeting. NW Pa. ALF Director Rosann Barker administered the oath of office to the members. Their two- year terms will expire in December 2021. Congratulations to the new Executive Board.

* Rosann Barker reported at the January membership meeting about the strike of UAW Local 1311 members employed by Langeloth Metallurgical Company near Burgettstown in Washington County. The local needs wood and water for its picket line. Many labor organizations have visited the picket line to show their solidarity with Local 1311. Please contact Local 1311 President Jim Hall at 724-222-3853 if your

local union can help Local 1311 in any way.

* Ex. Board members are reminded that the Executive Board Primary Election candidate interviews will be held on



Joe Spanik, Beaver County Building and Construction Trades Council Community Outreach, addressing delegates at February membership meeting. Joe announced that the Trades Council has published a directory providing contact information for Trades Council and its affiliates and additional information about community programs that they offer.

March 7th. Candidates running for offices for which the Labor Council will consider endorsements are reminded to contact

Jan Carpenter at carpenter-jm54@gmail.com if they wish to be interviewed. See page one of the January issue of the UNION BUG for details of the interview and endorsement process.

* The invitation and reservation forms for the April 18th Human Rights Banquet have been sent to the union organizations, community groups and individuals on the Labor Council's mailing list. Please contact me or any Labor Council Executive Board member if you or your organization did not receive the forms in the mail and would like to be added to the Labor Council's mailing list. We will also add your email address to the UNION BUG email list if you provide it to us. A copy of each of the invitation and reservation are attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG.



NW Pa. ALF Director Rosann Barker administering oath of office to newly elected Labor Council Executive Board Officers. From left, Rosann Barker, Jan Carpenter, Mark Benkart, Kerri Theuerl, Lisa Alexander, Dan Onuska, John Howard Thompson, Rick Galiano, Linwood Alford, Mel Ice, Sarah Dudash, Phil Lasky, Rev. Kevin Lee, Tom Flook and Dennis Powell. Missing: Laurie Fisher, Jodi Kohser and Alicia Craig.

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conomic and racial justice and commit to throwing open the doors for every person in this country to have the opportunity to join a union, no matter where they work; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council will consider the following principles of Unions for All when making endorsements in the 2020 election:

1. Everyone in America should have guaranteed access to quality, affordable healthcare and long - term care. And all healthcare jobs should be good, union jobs. On a path to universal healthcare coverage, we must invest in and improve the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Medicare, and long- term care. This includes empowering the dedicated workers who provide essential, compassionate healthcare and home care services to join together in unions, raise wages, and improve job and service standards.

2. Immigrant families should be welcome, safe, and free in America. Immigrant workers are powerful leaders in our union and integral to the care and service workforces in this country. Instead of tearing immigrant children from their parents, inciting division and spreading fear, we must extend relief to Temporary Protected Status holders, take care of Dreamers, and enact common sense reforms that provide a clear path to citizenship for hardworking immigrants, prioritize worker protections and family uni-

ty, and are consistent with our core values as a nation.

3. We must take immediate, bold action on climate change, hold corporations responsible for rampant pollution and accountable for the short-term and long-term implications that it creates, and create good, union jobs in a just transition. Policies to combat climate change must be connected to those that raise standards for all working people and address the

needs of communities of color who are most impacted, so that no workers, families, or communities are left behind.

4. We're committed to winning \$15.00 an hour and a union for all working people – black, white, and brown – and using our powerful voice as organized labor to hold politicians accountable to fight alongside us. It's time to embrace a new future in which anyone who wants to join a union in their workplace can, no exceptions. And it's time for those who have been elected by working people to fight alongside us, no exceptions.

“Your Union Your Voice” Town Hall Meeting Held At USW Local 1211 Office

By Christ Atsidis
USW Local 1211 Vice-President
USW District 10 Director

Bobby “Mac” McAuliffe and District 10 Rapid Response Director George Piasecki conducted a “Your Union Your Voice” town hall meeting at the USW Local 1211 office in Baden on January 28th. USW members and community activists attended the meeting.

The Baden town hall meeting was the seventh “Your Union Your Voice” event in District 10 with additional events to follow. The “Your Union Your Voice” initiative has been established by the USW to help it move forward during the 2020 presidential election year.

The Baden town hall began with the screening of a video featuring USW International President Tom Conway. President Conway explained the need for as many USW members as possible to participate in a sur-

vey designed to determine the most important electoral issues and priorities of the USW mem-



USW District 10 Rapid Response Coordinator George Piasecki, USW Local 1211 President Bart Carr, USW Local 1211 Vice-President Christ Atsidis and USW District 10 Director Bobby “Mac” McAuliffe at January 28th “Your Union Your Voice” town hall meeting at the USW Local 1211 office in Baden.

bership in 2020.

The survey will help the USW to develop its presidential candidate endorsement strategy. The survey can be found online at: www.uswvoices.org.

The screening was followed by remarks by Rapid Response Director Piasecki and District 10 staff representative John Ash. A question and answer period ended the meeting.

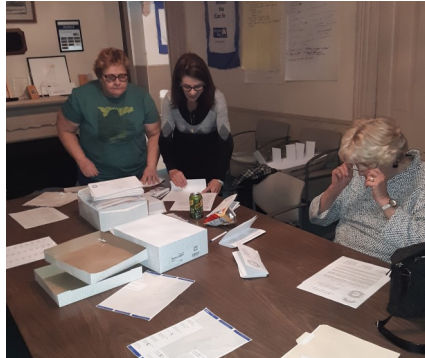
Community Services Report

By Mark Benkart
Community Services Chairman

On January 28th, the mailing was done for the Labor Council's seventh Human Rights Banquet. Many thanks to all who helped: Sara Dudash, Howard and Mira Thompson, Lisa Alexander, and Jan Carpenter.

I would like to thank the United Way of Lawrence County for graciously allowing us to use their facility.

The Banquet will be held at the Club at Shadow Lakes in



April 18th Human Rights banquet mailing of invitation and reservation forms. From left, Jan Carpenter, Lisa Alexander and Sarah Dudash. Also helping were Mark Benkart, Howard Thompson and Mira Thompson.

Aliquippa on April 18th. The keynote speaker is IUPAT General President Kenneth Rigmaiden. Please see page one of the December 2019 issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.

If you have not received an invitation, but would like to attend, please see the invitation and reservation forms at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG. You can also contact me, Mark Benkart, at 724-312-4387, or benkarthouse100@comcast.net, if you need additional information.

Carpenters Local 420 Support UAW Local 1311 Strikers

by Joe Tesone
Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Delegate, UBC Local 420

In Langeloth, a small community outside of Burgetts-town, Washington County, the nearly 100 members of UAW Local 1311 have been on strike for nearly six months. They have



UBC Local 420 President Jeremy McNutt, left, and UAW Local 1311 President Jim Hall, right, stand with Local 1311 pickets at entrance to Langeloth Metallurgical plant on February 8th.

had the support of the community, just as passing travelers waved and honked – strikebreakers entered the gates to start their shift. Their license plates were as varied as the passerby, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Texas.

Our opposition being so varied, our resistance should be likewise. If the management at Langeloth Metallurgical, like ATI Midland before them, are willing

to bring in strikebreakers, it could be the fate of any of our locals to face them on the picket line in the coming years.

All member unions should be encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Langeloth, and support them as they are able, as what happens in Langeloth will have an effect on Beaver and Lawrence Counties and beyond.

maintained their picket line on top of the hill through the fall, then winter, now nearly spring. On February 8th, the Carpenters of Local #420 answered UAW President Jim Hall's open letter request in the Union Bug by delivering nearly \$800 in supplies.

As we stood on the picket line, it was obvious the strikers

In Brief



Beaver Lawrence Central Labor Council at Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee banquet: From left, former Labor Council Executive Board member Joe Spanik, Labor Council Director of Civil Rights and Economic Justice Linwood Alford, Labor Council delegate Mike Ciccone, Labor Council Recording Secretary Kerri Theuerl and 17th Congressional District Progressive Democrats of America president Tina Shannon. Tina was presented with the Celebration Committee's Community Activist of the Year award at the banquet.

PRO Act Passes U.S. House 223-193

Pa. AFL-CIO February 6th
Press Release

This week the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2474, Protecting the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act). *[Editor's Note: The bill must be passed by the Senate and signed by the President or a presidential veto overridden by Congress before it becomes a law.]* This is the most significant and advancing piece of Labor Law Reform legislation to move in decades. The PRO Act would:

Repeal right to work laws;

Provide for first contract arbitration;

Speed up elections;

Stronger remedies for violations, including civil penalties (up to \$50K)

Ban permanent replacement of strikers;

Permit secondary picketing;

Card Check as a remedy for employer interference;

Ban Captive Audience meetings; and,

Narrow the definition of supervisor and close the independent contractor loophole.

The PRO Act would have a significant impact on

workers across our Commonwealth. Workers like our union brothers and sisters at Langeloth Metallurgical.

For generations, the workers at Langeloth Metallurgical have done dangerous and difficult jobs to process molybdenum and strengthen American steel. These men and women have been on strike since September 9th for the most fundamental right of every worker, the right to be safe on the job. But on January 6th, the company brought in permanent replacement workers. The PRO Act would ban permanent replacement workers.

This is an exciting time in the labor movement as more and more workers exercise their voice at work and want to join a union. The PRO Act in the Federal government and the Pennsylvania Workers' Bill of Rights in our own state government are just two examples of Labor's fight for working people

National AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka made the following comments on the PRO Act's passage:

"I applaud the U.S. House for passing the PRO Act. Make no mistake, this is the most significant step Congress has taken to strengthen labor laws in the United States in 85 years and a win for workers everywhere.

America's labor laws are no longer an effective means for working people to have our voices heard. The long-overdue PRO Act will provide significant protections for workers exercising our legal right to form a union, a right that's been trampled on for decades by union-busting consultants and anti-worker politicians.

The PRO Act is the labor movement's number one legislative priority this year for a reason. Working people are hungry for a bill that will ensure a process for reaching a first contract once a union is recognized, prevent the misclassification of employees, protect the right to strike and so much else. America is ready for more unions; and a happier, healthier and upwardly mobile workforce will help reverse the inequality of income, opportunity and power that is threatening our families, our communities and our democracy.

This bill is for working people - and President Trump's veto threat, though replete with inaccuracies and distortions, speaks volumes about who he is really fighting for. But our movement is bigger than any party or politician, and we will not rest until the PRO Act is the law of the land and the rights of workers are restored!"

IUPAT Members Assemble In Pittsburgh to Spotlight PPG Service Model That Risks Worker Exploitation

IUPAT Press Release

On Friday, January 31, 2020, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) and community allies assembled in front of PPG Industries Inc.'s (NYSE: PPG) headquarters and retail locations nationwide, spotlighting issues around PPG Services. PPG Services is a paint services platform that poses risks to the wages and working standards of workers across North America. The

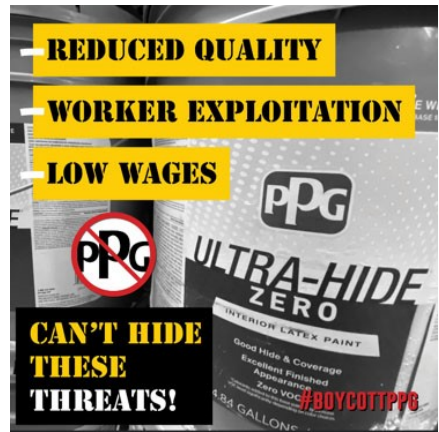
IUPAT is convinced that the PPG Services' model threatens to exploit working people and their families with predatory pricing that jeopardizes fair wages and health and retirement benefits.

At noon, over 100 leaders and members from the IUPAT, community allies and elected officials demonstrated with banners and leaflets in Pittsburgh's historic Market Square. As the group educated consumers on the issue, they also asked

them to protect workers and their families by boycotting PPG products. Boycotted items include PPG Services and other PPG paint products, including Olympic Paint, Glidden, Liquid Nails, Pittsburgh Paints, and other brands. For a full list of PPG products and information on the boycott, visit

www.boycottppg.com.

Additional demonstrations took place at PPG paint store locations across North America.



IUPAT and community allies assemble in Pittsburgh on January 31st. IUPAT Local 530 is an affiliate of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council.



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We're on the Web:
pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 02/17 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; PSEA Bldg., New Castle
- 02/23 Tabernacle Baptist Church Black History Month screening of “Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution”: 4:00 PM; Tabernacle Baptist Church, 630 3rd Ave., Beaver Falls. Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council will sponsor light refreshments to follow screening. See flyer at end of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.
- 02/25 Community Services/Moral Mondays meeting: 7:00 PM; IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 03/07 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board Primary Election candidate interviews: 9:00 AM; IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport. See article on Page 1 of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.
- 03/16 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 03/25 NWPA ALF 1st quarter meeting: AFSCME DC 85 Hall, 1276 Liberty Street, Franklin, Pa.16323.
- 04/07 44th Pa. AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention: Philadelphia 201 Hotel. Contact the Pa AFL-CIO at 717-231-2841 for additional information.
- 04/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Human Rights Banquet - IUPAT General President Kenneth E. Rigmaiden, keynote speaker: cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM; The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa. Invitations were mailed at the end of January. See invitation and reservation form at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG if you did not receive one or for additional details.
- 04/28 Primary Election Day.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on March 9th to be considered for publication in the March 2020 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.



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January 20, 2020

TO: All Labor Organizations, Civil Rights Organizations and Guests

On behalf of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, we cordially invite you to attend the seventh Human Rights Banquet of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Community Services Committee to be held on Saturday, April 18th, at The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa, Pa. 15001. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades General President, will be the banquet's keynote speaker. IUPAT is recognized throughout North America for its dedication to activism to further the issues, campaigns and causes that it believes will benefit the Labor Movement and our communities. It places the fight for fair wages, benefits and the right to organize front and center.

General President Rigmaiden took office in 2013 and since that time has become known throughout the Labor Movement as a thoughtful and eloquent speaker. He served as a keynote speaker at the 2018 Pa. AFL-CIO Convention and recently addressed the Texas AFL-CIO Convention.

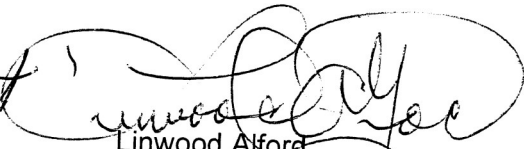
General Secretary Rigmaiden's remarks will focus on diversity of membership as one of the strongest assets that a union can possess and how the IUPAT works to diversify by fighting for the issues that matter to the communities that it wants to welcome into the union.

Enclosed for your convenience is a combined reservation and program booklet ad form. Please make your check payable to the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council and mail it to Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, P.O. Box A, Beaver, Pa. 15009.

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Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Human Rights Banquet

IUPAT Gen. Pres. - Kenneth E. Rigmaiden – Keynote Speaker

Saturday, April 18, 2020

The Club at Shadow Lakes

(724-375-5511)

2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa, PA 15001

Social Hour 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Program 8:00 pm

There are no tickets for this Banquet, only Reservations.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 3, 2020

Individual Reservations are \$55.00 Tables of 8 are \$425.00

Name or Organization _____

Contact Number _____

Number of Individuals/reservations _____ x \$55.00 = _____

Number of tables _____ x \$425.00 = _____

Program Booklet Ads

Program booklet size is 8 ½ inches by 11 inches

Camera ready ads can be emailed to: bpcolor@aol.com

If your ad is emailed, please send a hard copy with this form, and email to saradudash@comcast.net.

Ad copies should be in by Tuesday, April 7, 2020

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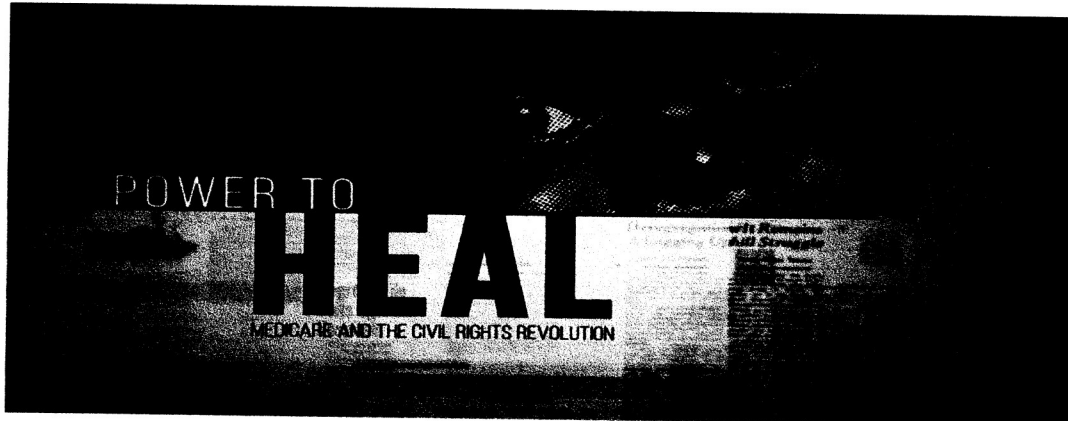
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Benkart, 724-312-4387 or Sara Dudash, 724-730-7402.



Tabernacle Baptist Church invites you to attend its annual Black History Month program on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 4:00pm.

This year's program will focus on the struggle of African-Americans to overcome racial disparities in healthcare outcomes.

The program will feature a screening of a documentary, "POWER TO HEAL", that tells the story of how Medicare was used in the 1960's to mount a dramatic, coordinated effort that desegregated thousands of hospitals across the country in a matter of months.

Through the voices of the men and women who experienced disparities and fought against them, "POWER TO HEAL" will introduce its viewers to a missing link in the Civil Rights Movement – a struggle over healthcare that raises questions that resonate today: is healthcare a human right? What is the solution to ensure equality in healthcare outcomes for all Americans?

"POWER TO HEAL" will be screened for us by a panel of Western Pennsylvania Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) and the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Single Payer Healthcare members. Claire M. Cohen, M.D., will provide keynote remarks after the screening followed by a question and answer period.

The program will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 630 3rd Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the program will be followed by light refreshments. Bro. Ronnie Cox is the Program Chairperson. Please contact the Program Coordinator, Linwood Alford, at 724-630-6800 for additional information.

